

New Releases from Chile: The Tail Wags the Dog

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RITUAL

2015 Ritual Chardonnay Supertuga Block (90 POINTS) *"Aromas of dried pear, Meyer lemon and smoky lees, plus a hint of jasmine that builds in the glass. Silky and seamless on the palate..."*

2015 Ritual Pinot Noir (90 POINTS) *"Deep red. Sexy, expansive aromas of raspberry liqueur, candied lavender and cola; a spicy nuance adds vivacity."*

2015 Ritual Sauvignon Blanc (90 POINTS) *"Ripe citrus and orchard fruits, honeysuckle and a touch of mint on the incisive nose. Silky, energetic and focused in the mouth, displaying very good depth and clarity to the mineral-tinged pear, melon and Meyer lemon flavors."*

2015 Ritual Chardonnay (88 POINTS) *"Aromas of fresh pear and orange pith, accompanied by a quinine accent in the background. Chewy and a touch dry on the palate, offering bitter pear skin and citrus pith flavors and a subtle honeysuckle note."*

2014 Ritual Pinot Noir Monster Block (91 POINTS) *"Fresh, highly perfumed aromas of ripe red and dark berries, cola, allspice and vanilla, enlivened by a mineral nuance."*

2014 Ritual Syrah Alcaparral (88 POINTS) *"Juicy and focused in the mouth, offering bitter cherry and cassis flavors that unfold slowly on the back half."*

NEYEN

2012 Viña Neyen (92 POINTS) *"Ripe cherry, dark berries, pipe tobacco and succulent herbs on the fragrant nose, accompanied by smoky mineral and floral nuances that build in the glass. Sweet and focused on the palate."*